

Weekly Views

Be informed about the Indiana Department of Correction

Some drink from the
fountain of knowledge -
others just gargle.

~Anonymous

Friday, August 14, 2009

The Wabash Valley and Pendleton Correctional Facilities have been formally approved for re-accreditation by the American Correctional Association 139th Congress of Corrections, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a CLIFF graduation for 9 students who completed the program. The program, which began in December 2005, has graduated 162 students from the program and boasts a 9.8% return rate.

Twenty-six men were recognized at the Correctional Industrial Facility for earning their GED during the 2008-2009 school year. Staff, visitors and volunteers were present for the ceremony in the visiting area.

The Gospel Echoes team visited South Bend Juvenile this week. In addition to their traditional musical performance, they brought a guest ventriloquist to entertain the students.

Branchville Correctional Facility hosted a meeting to discuss recent security upgrades to the facility, including the completion of the high mast lights and the ongoing construction of the electrical stun fence. State representatives Dennie Oxley and Russ Stillwell were present along with Tell City mayor Barbara Ewing and several county commissioners.

At Pendleton Correctional Facility, the ODR (Officers/Staff Dining Room) will begin serving lunch for all staff. A number of menu items will be offered including hamburgers, cheeseburgers, wings, nachos, salads, chips, and soda.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility hosted a Community Advisory Board Meeting. Members of the local Mayors office, State Representatives office, County and City police departments and solid waste district were in attendance.

Fifteen students from Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility recently took and passed the GED exams. Two passed with honors.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility held a PLUS graduation, where 19 offenders were recognized for completion of the program.

Chain O Lakes Correctional Facility offenders held a sub sandwich sale this week and earned over \$150 which they donated to the Albion Elementary School for school supplies for the first, second and third grade students.

Pendleton Juvenile Future Soldiers program held a Drill Competition showdown with the current reigning champs E-15 unit attempting to defend their position against the underdogs E-14. It was a tuff battle with strong stepping and precision timing, but E-14 won.

Miami Correctional Facility had 54 staff participate in the IDOC/Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Wednesday. The American Red Cross collected a total of 48 usable pints of blood.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility received nine Golden Retriever puppies from the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN). The pups are sponsored by the Tony Stewart Foundation and will receive training from offenders to begin their careers as Assistance Companions for the disabled.

Several staff and five students from Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility went to Anderson to work on a build site for Habitat for Humanity. Community Service projects are part of the restorative justice model for the Division of Youth Services. The staff and students were well received by the other volunteer workers on the site.

South Bend Juvenile held graduation ceremony. Eight students were recognized for earning their GED, and two others for advancing in full grade levels. In addition to the eight recognized, three other students earned passing test scores for their GED's however have already been successfully released into their communities.

The Division of Staff Development Emergency Operations concluded the first "Developing Professional Employees" class at CTI; with 29 staff members successfully completing the program. The Developing Professional Employees program introduces new supervisors to strategies to help them manage their transition to supervision in a multigenerational workforce. This program also introduces the new supervisors to delegation, motivation, and personnel issues. This course is the first block in the new supervisory series titled "The D.O.C. Supervisory Program."